

new beds, you're actually going to take an existing building that evidentially is not functional any longer and replacing it...not replacing it with a new home, is that correct?

SENATOR CROSBY Senator Wehrbein.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Yes, yes, yes. That's true, Senator Wesely.

SENATOR WESELY: Okay. You know one of the things, we did this...I don't know what kind of analysis you got on that, but in Lancaster County we took an old Lancaster Manor home, nursing home, built a new building and actually saved money, reduced the cost. Did any analysis come through on that to...

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: There's been a study on it, I don't have it here in front of me, Senator Wesely. If I could add a couple more minutes to your time?

SENATOR WESELY: Yeah.

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Or I can go on my own, whatever.

SENATOR WESELY: Yeah, no, I'd be interested to know what kind of...

SENATOR WEHRBEIN: Some of the big issues here were the fire and safety issues. It's estimated under 309 we'd need \$600,000 to address the fire and safety concerns. The fire escapes are dated, they have to...lifting is a problem for those patients, they have to be moved out and physically taken downstairs, very, very difficult situation in case of an emergency. That is...the committee toured that last fall, and were very...we were firsthand made aware of all the problems with that. And so this has been under a study. As I said earlier, we need to get on a federal priority list, in order to do it we have to have a serious commitment to do that, to get on that list, and that is one of our concerns because there is no question there is the issue of safety over the next two or three years. It's hard on the staff as it is, there's a lot of lifting that should not ordinarily have to be done, there...lots of steps, the floors are divided so that it's not...it's very difficult for staff to work. The quality of care is...the staff is high quality, I don't want to intimate at all that the quality is not the best that can possibly be done under the circumstances, but it's very difficult for them to provide adequate care with...because of